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For: CUT OFF METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BAND-LIKE PAPER AND CONTROL APPARATUS FOR THE SAME.

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2008, which was made Final. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments as to form be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.